Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 24 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 25 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 23 Feb 2022 at 12:56 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for hazardous winter conditions on Thursday then settled weather on Friday as a ridge builds. High for less cold weather over the weekend, but lower for the timing of rain bands.

Headline for Thursday 24 Feb 2022: Severe wintry weather continuing with occasional snow showers and gales over the summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 24 Feb 2022

Blizzards
High Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	30%	50%	40%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Thursday 24 Feb 2022

Weather: Showers will continue through the early hours with heavy accumulations in places. Some bright or sunny intervals, but generally a good deal of cloud with snow showers, some heavy with hail and thunder, merging into longer spells of snow at times. The showers will turn to rain or sleet below around 200 m during the afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud base highly variable and rapidly changing in showers. Cloud fairly extensive, bases 500-700m, but suddenly falling onto lower slopes in snow showers with whiteout conditions and blowing snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	43/56 W	40/52 SW	38/50 SW	38/50 SW	34/46 SW	33/45 SW	29/39 W	33/43 NW	32/41 NW
900	40/53 W	37/49 SW	36/47 SW	37/49 SW	33/44 SW	32/44 SW	27/38 W	31/42 NW	30/40 NW
600	29/41 W	26/38 SW	24/35 SW	27/40 SW	23/35 SW	24/36 SW	19/29 W	22/32 NW	20/30 NW
300	9/42 W	7/36 SW	6/33 SW	10/38 SW	8/33 SW	10/34 SW	7/29 W	9/32 NW	9/32 NW
Glen	21/42 W	18/38 SW	14/32 SW	17/34 SW	14/29 W	16/31 SW	11/24 W	14/29 NW	14/30 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-6/-18	-7/-18	-7/-18	-5/-16	-5/-15	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-14	-5/-14
900	-5/-16	-6/-17	-6/-17	-5/-15	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-13
600	-3/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12	-2/-11	-2/-9	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-8
300	-0/-4	-1/-5	-1/-5	-1/-6	1/-3	0/-4	0/-3	0/-4	0/-4
Glen	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	4/-1	3/-2	3/-0	4/-1	4/-1
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	100m	200m	300m	300m	400m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Heavy accumulations of snow will obscure paths and make it heavy going under foot, with whiteout conditions at times and drifting snow making navigation difficult. A largely fine day will follow on Friday.

Forecast for Friday 25 Feb 2022

Weather: Snow showers will die out overnight, then a fine day will follow with some lengthy sunny spells during the morning. High clouds will spread from the west during the afternoon with clouds lowering to give some patchy light rain during the evening, with snow above around 800-1000 m.

Maximum wind: Northwest backing South, 10-15 mph, increasing 40 mph gust 60 mph after dusk.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90 % becoming 10% during the evening

Low cloud and visibility: Patchy cloud bases around 600 m during the early hours, lowering at times in the showers. Excellent visibility through the day with little if any hill fog. Cloud becoming extensive with base around 600 m during the evening with some patches down to 400 m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2C rising to plus 6C
At 800m: Minus 5C rising to plus 1C later
Freezing level: surface rising to 900 m later

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